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More than 200 rug hookers will descend on Haliburton County for the 37th annual rug hooking conference of the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild from April 11 to 13. As part of the conference, its annual traditional rug hooking display will be open to the public on Sunday, April 13th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Delta Pinestone Resort on Hwy. 121, Haliburton. The cost of admission is five dollars per person, children 12 and under, free.

This display will feature several hundred handmade rugs, wall hangings and other home accessories created by hookers throughout Ontario. None of these items have been displayed at an annual Guild event before. Continuous rug hooking demonstrations will be shown to the public at the same time. The last time this annual display was in this area was in 1993.

Traditional rug hooking is considered a truly North American craft. It started in pioneer times in the Maritime Provinces and New England states. It was a useful way of using bits and pieces of rags and strips of cloth from the remnants of "hand me downs" to fashion a new product. What quilting is for warmth on beds, hooking is for warmth and beauty on floors. Today hookers create rugs from their own personal designs or

from patterns stamped on burlap material.

Using burlap, a hoop, a crochet type hook with a wooden handle, and strips of wool hookers 'paint' with wool fabric to create practical home decorations. The wool fabric can be hand cut but most hookers use a special machine that cuts the wool into various widths. The size of the width of the fabric used depends on the types of design. The wool is hooked in a continuous strip, not cut and knotted. Hookers look everywhere for their supplies, and are especially interested in recycled wool clothing.

This event is hosted by the Haliburton Highland Rug Hookers. Please contact Maraylene Welch at 705-754-2347 or Peggy Beattie at 705-754-2673, e-mail: diptn.dye@sympatico.ca for more information.

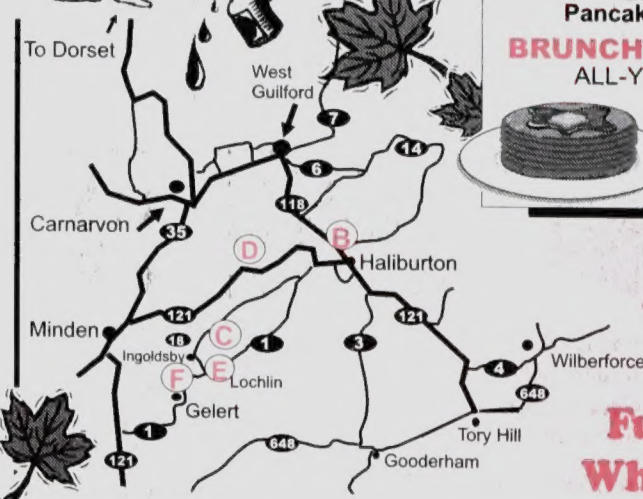
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Newbatts Appliances & Mattresses

Technology Has Changed - There's Some Pretty Wild Appliances Out There Now...

Wayne de Jong, owner of Newbatts Appliances and Mattresses in Haliburton, is no stranger to kitchen appliances. Actually, Wayne has spent most of his life baking in kitchens. "I've been a baker most of my life", says Wayne.

Now Wayne spends most of his time in his store on Oak Avenue in Haliburton retailing all major appliances from stoves to fridges, freezers to dishwashers & microwaves to washers and dryers. Newbatts even carries small kitchen aid appliances, such as blenders and food processors. The store carries well known brand names such as Whirlpool, Kitchen-aid, Inglis, Roper, LG and Woods Freezers.

Technology has changed quite a bit over time in the appliance industry. "There is a brand new stove out now that is a fridge and stove in one!", says Wayne, "You can put a lasagna in it when you go to work in the morning and it will stay cold all day. Then when you set it to start cooking, it will go into oven mode and be ready for you when you get home. If you don't make it home, it will go back to being refrigerated," he explains.

Also, LG fridges now have an indoor cooling system compared to being cooled from the back of the units. According to Wayne, this puts more refrigeration near the door of the fridge and keeps a more consistent temperature in the units.

Looking around Newbatts,



you'll be amazed at some of the new washing machines and dryer systems that operate very quietly and look something like space ships. "The front loader washing machines are getting pretty popular too. They use less water and hydro and the direct drive systems extract more water so there's less drying time for clothes as well," Wayne explains.

Newbatts Appliance and Furniture services what they sell and has a parts department in store. "We can get parts for just about anything related to appliances," Wayne states.

Newbatts also carries a wide selection of mattresses made by Slumber Sleep. The mattress sets come in all sizes in regular, pillowtop and posturepedic format. "All of our mattresses come with a non-pro-rated warranty. If there's a defect they're replaced without any questions asked. They're not pro-rated by how old they are," explains Wayne.

Lets not forget to mention that this great little store can also help you beat the summer heat, with a brand new air conditioner.

Newbatts carries appliances for all price ranges and lifestyles, from range stoves to the ceramic top stoves and counter top microwaves to over the range microwaves. The store also carries confection style



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Having a Dispute? - There's Now Help To Resolve It

by Shirley Lucas
Staff Reporter

Having a dispute with someone and there just doesn't seem to be any resolution in sight? Need some help? Well here it is! The Haliburton County Community Mediation Service (CMS) is a new program being offered in the area and is available free to anyone looking for some help in finding an amicable solution to a conflict they're having with someone.

The process of bringing this service to the area has been ongoing for a year. The Trillium Foundation decided to provide funding for a two-year period to offer this program to three communities in Ontario. Haliburton County was one of the chosen and is unique in the fact that it is the only one to have this service in a rural-based setting in Ontario.

Tina Newman, the Program Coordinator for CMS explains the idea behind this program best, "Our philosophy is neighbours helping neighbours as all of our mediators are volunteers from Haliburton County. There are 11 volunteers at this time and all went through a screening process before being sent to St. Steven's Conflict Resolution Centre in Toronto for training."

Tina came to this area 5 years ago from Sundridge, Ontario, where she worked at a wilderness based custody facility for young offenders. While there, Tina says, "I was always fascinated by the mediation process and when I found out that there was a course being offered in North Bay in Alternate Dispute Resolution, I decided to go." Tina received her diploma and is now a member of the ADR Institute of Ontario.

When asked if she sees a need for a mediation service in the Highlands, Tina replies, "Absolutely! In our area, other than the law, there are no other avenues for resolving conflict which in a small community, can seem to snowball into other issues and can get out of control



sometimes if people take things into their own hands."

Mediation is a process used to help people resolve conflict. With the assistance of a neutral person, the mediator, and on neutral ground the parties in dispute can arrange a meeting to discuss their concerns and work towards an agreeable solution. CMS is designed to aid in the resolution of disagreements over neighbourhood matters, such as but not limited to: property lines or tree cutting, parent/teen issues, cottage association concerns such as noise or boating traffic, minor workplace or lifestyle issues. Mediation is strictly confidential and is available to all community members, be it seasonal residents, cottagers or permanent residents.

There is no fee for this service, however donations are appreciated to help cover basic administration costs such as office supplies, fliers or gas allowance for the volunteers. Tax receipts can be issued for donations over \$10.00.

If you are interested in booking an appointment or if you have any questions, please call Tina at (705) 457-3499, ext. 608 and she'll be more than happy to help you. If there is no answer, please leave a message as they are checked regularly.

Pictured above is Tina Newman - Program Coordinator.

From The Bahá'í Writings

*Ye are the fruits of one tree
and the leaves of one branch*

The Bahá'í's of Dysart et al

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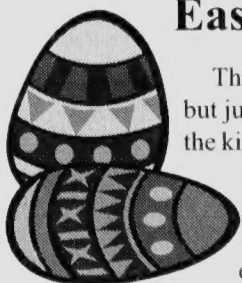
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Hey Kids... Don't Miss The Easter Egg Hunt



The Easter Bunny is coming this month, but just before he does, be sure to gather up the kids and head to the Sir Sanford Fleming College 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for Saturday, April 12 at Head lake Park in Haliburton. This event is being held the weekend prior to Easter (and the Bunny's arrival).

The event is free for all children. There is also a separate area for toddlers to assure they have a safe place to seek out treasures. There will be lots of foil covered chocolate eggs to find and lots of fun for all who attend.

There is also a colouring contest taking place. Pictures to colour will be handed out at the schools and day care centres in the area, or you can stop by the college and pick one up. Children can colour them, bring them to the event and there will be one prize of a giant stuffed Easter bunny awarded from all entries received. So be sure to get colouring and don't miss this great event.

If you require more information call 457-1680.

Protect Yourself... Attend Upcoming Fraud Seminar

An informative seminar that will help you to recognize and avoid scams and fraud is being offered in Haliburton. The Haliburton County Home Support Services and the Minden OPP will be holding a two-hour seminar on April 7 from 10 to noon at the HCHSS drop in centre in Halco Plaza. Guest speaker will be Mark McMaster from the Minden OPP.

There will also be tea, coffee and home made goodies. The seminar is free of charge and everyone is welcome to attend. Organizers do ask that you call to let them know you are coming. Contact Roxanne Casey at 457-5077.

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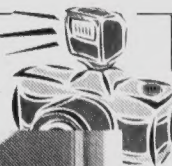
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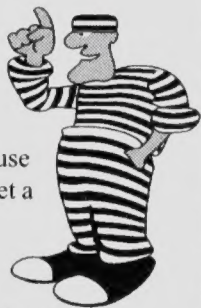
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Dumb Criminals

What A Women!??

Police in Surrey, B.C., Canada, responded to a house after someone there called 911 and hung up. Officers discovered that an unnamed 60-year-old woman in the house heard that if she dialed 911, she'd get a recording that would tell her if the police were tapping the phone. The story is an urban legend and is, of course, false. When officers arrived, they found "a reasonably sized marijuana growing operation" in the house, a police spokesman said. The woman and three men in the house were arrested on drug charges.



I See You

Seems that a year ago, some Boeing employees on the field decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and home. When they took it for a float on the river, they were quite surprised by a Coast Guard helicopter coming towards them. It turned out that the chopper was homing in on the emergency locator that is automatically activated when the raft is inflated. They are no longer employed there.

How Much For That Car

A woman was reporting her car as stolen, and mentioned that there was a car phone in it. The policeman taking the report called the phone and told the guy that answered that he had read the ad in the newspaper and wanted to buy the car. They arranged to meet, and the thief was arrested.

From Baking In Them To Selling Them....

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ovens, which have a definite advantage. "You can do more baking in them at one time," says Wayne. "Heat is more evenly distributed in them. If you could bake three pies in a regular stove, you would be able to do nine pies at the same time in the confection stove." Wayne is familiar to baking with confection ovens because he spent so much time working in bakeries. He and a partner founded Rachael's Bakery in the Highlands.



Wayne's father founded Hank's Bakery in Port Perry, a bakery that is run today by his brother, Ken.

After many long years in the bakery business, Wayne decided it was time for a change. In December of 1998, Wayne purchased Newbatts Appliances from Doug and Aileen Moore. The business was originally founded by Cliff Newbatt, over 50 years ago in the same location that it sits today.

Wayne says he enjoys meeting people and getting out on deliveries, which are free within Haliburton County. Your old appliances can also be removed for a small disposal fee.

"Our business is built upon referrals and repeat business," says Wayne. "Our products are superb and can fulfill anyone's kitchen and appliance needs. We like to have happy customers."

Wayne says he is looking forward to the snow melting so he can get out on his new Harley Davidson motorcycle, a hobby he enjoys in the nicer weather. "I've always been into motorcycles and I love my new hog," he exclaims.

Newbatts Appliances and Mattresses is located on Oak Avenue in Haliburton Village, between Mountain St. and Highlands St., near the arena. The store is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday 9:00 - 4:00 pm and Saturday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. You can reach Newbatts by calling (705) 457-2912 or by walking through the door and just saying hi. Wayne is always willing to help you.

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The 8 week program is free and in Wilberforce begins March 27 and in Haliburton on April 8.

This lifestyle change program features a registered nurse and dietician who will provide exercise strategies, techniques for change, weekly weigh-ins, blood sugar checks and nutrition information over the course of the program.

In Wilberforce, the program takes place every Thursday evening, starting March 27, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Mapleview apartments. Everyone is welcome to register for this program, whether you have diabetes or not. To register or for more information call Judy Webb at 457-1392 ext 241.

In Haliburton, the program takes place Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Hospital. The Haliburton program is more geared to those with diabetes. To register for the Haliburton program call 286-2140, ext. 296.

Rails End Gallery Opens Season with Member Showcase

Get ready for another exciting year at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton – May 3rd marks the official opening of the gallery for the 2003 season. The first exhibit of the year is a members show. The Gallery is very fortunate to have a diverse group of talented artists, many of whom are local. The show will feature the works of the Gallery members showcasing such mediums as painting, pottery, jewelry, weaving and much more.

The Rails End Gallery will be open daily. There will be new and exciting exhibits monthly so be sure to make it a regular stop. If you require any information about the Gallery call 457-2330.

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It is illegal to shout offensive words in any public place.

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Mexico City

Boneshakers, safety bicycles, and any other similar machines are banned from the center of town.

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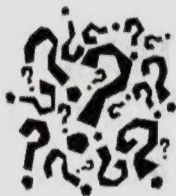
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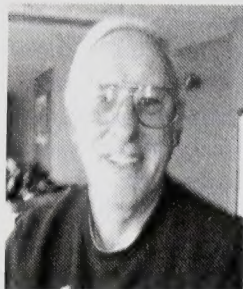
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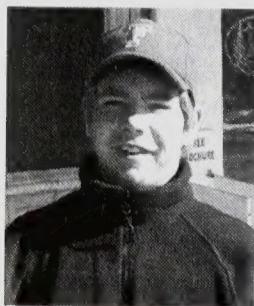
Bill Dewey - Haliburton

"I'm looking forward to golfing & getting my fair share of pars."



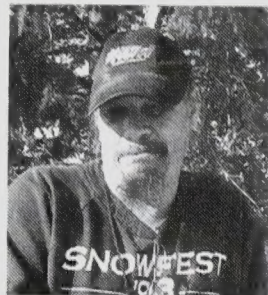
Dodi Deadman - Tory Hill

"Working back at Delta Grandview Resort in Huntsville and meeting lots of new people."



Pete Savard - Wilberforce

"Checking out the gals on the beach, and having a summer job to make some money."



Lou Duda - Harcourt

"Peace & tranquility and getting married on Aug. 16th to my fiancée Keitha."

A Little Perspective:

Submitted by Nancy Welsh of Vancouver B.C.

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following:

There would be:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south
- 8 Africans
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 70 would be non-white
- 30 would be white
- 70 would be non-Christian
- 30 would be Christian
- 89 would be heterosexual
- 11 would be homosexual
- 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States.
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death; 1 would be near birth
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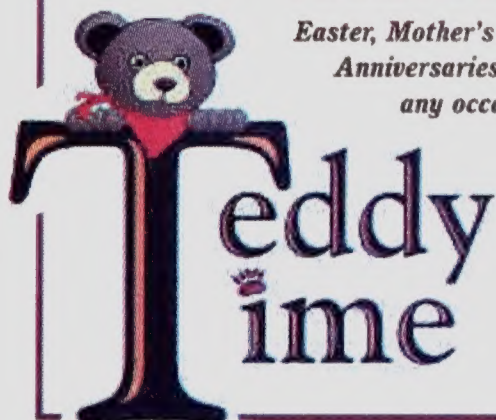
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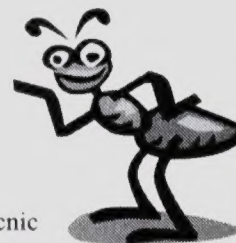
A little boy wanted \$100.00 very badly and prayed for weeks, but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100.00. When the Canada Post received the letter addressed to God, Canada, they decided to send it to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister was so amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5.00 bill. The Prime Minister thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 bill and sat down to write a thank-you note to God, which read:

Dear God: Thank you very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you sent it through Ottawa, and, as usual, they deducted \$95.00 in taxes.

The Picnic...

Three turtles, Joe, Steve, and Poncho, decide to go on a picnic. Joe packs the picnic basket with cookies, bottled sodas, and sandwiches. The trouble is, the picnic site is 10 miles away, so the turtles take 10 whole days to get there.



By the time they do arrive, everyone's whipped and hungry. Joe takes the stuff out of the basket, one by one. He takes out the sodas and realizes that they forgot to bring a bottle opener. Joe & Steve beg Poncho to turn back home and retrieve it, but Poncho flatly refuses, knowing that they'll eat everything by the time he gets back.

Somehow, after about two hours, the turtles manage to convince Poncho to go, swearing on their great-grand turtles' graves that they won't touch the food. So, Poncho sets off down the road, slow and steady.

Twenty days pass, but no Poncho. Joe and Steve are hungry and puzzled, but a promise is a promise. Another day passes, and still no Poncho, but a promise is a promise. After three more days pass without Poncho in sight, Steve starts getting restless. "I NEED FOOD!" he says with a hint of dementia in his voice.

"NO!" Joe retorts. "We promised."

Five more days pass. Joe realizes that Poncho probably skipped out to the Burger King down the road, so the two turtles weakly lift the lid, get a sandwich, and open their mouths to eat. But then, right at that instant, Poncho pops out behind a rock.

"Just for that, I'm not going."

Foundations Program Helps Those With Developmental Disability Intergrate Into Community

If you are, or you know of someone who is between the ages of 21 - 28 with a developmental disability, who is out of school and is needing help integrating into the community, there is a service in Haliburton County that can help.

Haliburton County Association of Community Living Foundations program is in place to bridge the steps to the community. A foundations worker can help you make a successful transition from school to your community, help you make personal choices about your life and what you want to do now and in the future, help you to gain skills to become more independent within your home and community and help you gain knowledge of what is in your community and how to access it.

"These people are helped through school, but now that they are out of school they are at home all day and maybe just need some help to reach goals," says executive director Maureen O'Hara.

She says there are many things the foundation can do for those who fit into the qualifications for help. "It's meant to help these individuals connect with what is out there," says Foundations Facilitator, Patty Babineau.

She explained that she has helped people in many ways. "The rural and transportation aspects are the largest concern for many," says Patty. "That is why there are a lot of these people at home. I've even helped one client get their drivers licence. They were having difficulty with the test and I helped him through the study process."

Patty says she tries to utilize as many programs that are in existence within the area as possible in helping her clients reach their goals - for example Job Connect. "If my client needs help getting work, I will guide them through all the different programs and help that is out there such as Job Connect."

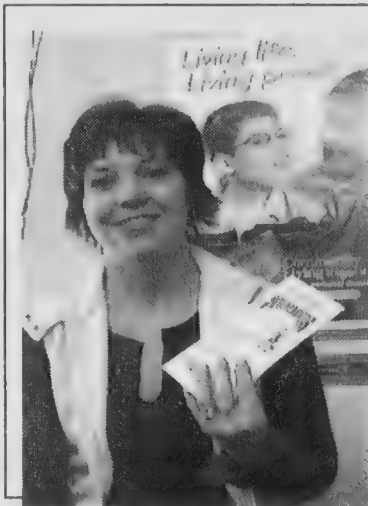
"Really, we're like a resource," adds Maureen.

What is expected of the client is for them to initiate a life plan, set realistic goals and timelines for accomplishment, work on skill development that is important such as cooking, literacy, computers, etc., and work at competency building activities

such as self esteem, self advocacy, and decision making.

The outcome of what Foundations can do for the client is help them develop a life plan, help them meet their goals, help them make connections so they can participate in the community, including paid employment, volunteer work, continuing education and recreational activities. Foundations will also support you on job coaching or volunteer placement, timelines for accomplishment and to re-work your plan if necessary.

If you or someone you know needs this service, or for further information, you may contact Patty Babineau at 286-4508 or Maureen O'Hara at 457-2626. You can also email them at foundations@sympatico.ca



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Plan To Tour The Maple Producers In The Highlands

Well it's coming! The chance to check out some of our local maple syrup producers establishments and taste and see first hand delicious FRESH maple syrup at this year's Maple Fest April 5 & 6.

Louise Barry of Iron Kettle Maple Products, along with Lochlin producer, Tom Dawson of Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake House were the two who first started Maple Fest back in 1994. Then it was called "Tempting Treat" Tour. The following year they decided on Maple Fest. "It's a weekend where people can come and see the operations. It's fun for the whole family," says Louise.

This year there are 4 local producers participating in the weekend's festivities...

Iron Kettle Maple Products:

Iron Kettle Maple Products on County Rd. 18 near Ingoldsby will be featuring maple syrup, maple butter, maple sugar and maple jelly. There will be a ribbon hunt, self guided tours through the bush, taffy on snow and samples of the fresh syrup. Iron Kettle features production of 4,300 taps on pipeline and vacuum, oil-fired evaporator with reverse osmosis machine. Each year Louise produces, on average, 500-600 gallons of Maple Syrup. In addition to Maple Fest weekend, Iron Kettle is open from March to around the end of October.

Wintergreen:

Wintergreen is a 1,000-tap

sugar bush with a maple restaurant and antique display. Here you can sample syrup on snow, and a wide variety of maple products are available to buy. In addition to Maple Fest time, Wintergreen is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday's and Sunday and is located right on Cty. Rd. 1 north of Gelert.

Maple Moon:

Another location to try syrup, maple butter, maple sugar & maple jelly is Maple Moon, located on Hwy 118, 5 km west of Haliburton at County Rd. 14. In addition to great maple products, you can visit their wonderful gift shop filled with unique treasures. There will also be complimentary hot chocolate, sugar on snow and much more.... They are open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. You can reach Maple Moon at 455-9999.

Cossette Maple Syrup:

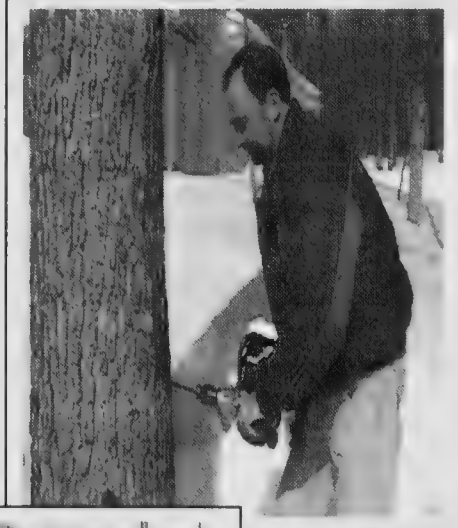
Also part of Maple Fest weekend is Cossette Maple Syrup, a husband and wife team that have been producing the tasty sweet stuff since 1987. This couple taps 3,000 trees so you can imagine how

busy the pair is. Due to the heavy workload, they are unable to receive visitors during this weekend, but you can purchase the taste of Cossette syrup by purchasing their product at local merchants including IGA in Haliburton & Minden, Rachael's Bakery in Haliburton & Minden, The Storeroom in Minden and the Fruit Market in Minden.

Why Not Enjoy Some Fresh Syrup On Pancakes:

And lets not forget the Lochlin United Church Pancake & Sausage brunch and bake sale featuring all you can eat pancakes and sausages on the Saturday of Maple Fest. The cost is \$5 for adults and children 11 and under are \$2. The church is located on Church Rd just off County Rd. 1.

Plan to visit all these wonderful locations during the Maple Fest weekend as each and everyone has something different to show you and something different to offer. It's definitely interesting to see if you have never seen it done, and it's a fun day out. Plus, lets not forget - you get to sample the FRESHEST just made - tastiest maple syrup around!



Pictured above is Eric Thompson from Maple Moon tapping a tree; middle is Louise Barry, at far left is the building at Wintergreen and just left is Maple Moon.

Calling All Car Buffs ... Show Your Classic Off at Wilberforce Car Show

If you like classic or antique cars then be sure to head over to Wilberforce on May 31 for the first annual "Fling in the Spring" flea market, car corral and car show.

The show is open to all vehicles 20 years and older. There will be awards, prizes and door prizes. Show vehicles are free to attend. There is a fee for vendors and people with vehicles to sell. There is vendor space available - the cost is \$20 for an indoor spot and \$15 for an outdoor spot. Although auto related vendors are encouraged, not all vendors have to be just automotive related.. All vendors welcome. There will also be food concessions available.

Saturday evening also features a "Cruz-In" for the participants. If you require more information or would like to reserve vendor space, contact Jack Bartholomew at 448-2245 or email: mercman@sympatico.ca

The event takes place at the Wilberforce arena and community centre starting at 9 a.m. - around 6 p.m. We'll have more details in the next issue of The Communicator.



It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.



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GHOST STORIES

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

This happened many years ago (approx 1973-74).

There was a guy riding his motorcycle in a town called Port Perry — he was riding on the island along Concession #9. Apparently he was cut off by another vehicle and he was thrown from his bike onto a barbwire fence. Upon landing on the fence his head was decapitated. His body had bounced off a big rock that was there. The man's head was never found.

According to people in town they had searched for a long time to find the head, but was still never found. I grew up in this town right down the road from where the accident occurred but was only a baby back then.

For many, many years now the road where the rock and fence connect is has been referred to as Ghost Road. The reason for the name Ghost Road is if you drive a 1/4 mile down the road late at night, turn your lights off and watch you will see one headlight come towards you off in the distance. If you make a loud noise you will see the light turn from a headlight into a brakelight. It will disappear.

People have been through the field across the street from Ghost Road where, the light comes from, and there is nothing there but field and swamp.

It is also said that if you sit in the rain on the rock that his body bounced off of you will either be thrown from the rock or become violently ill.

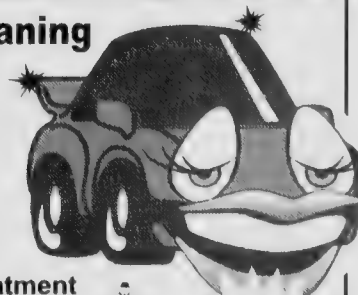
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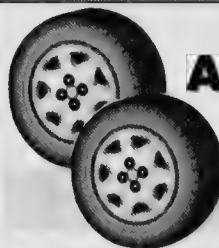


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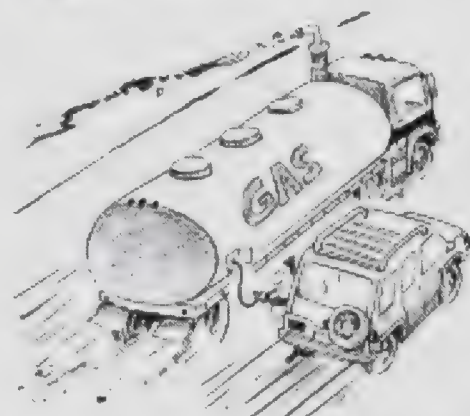
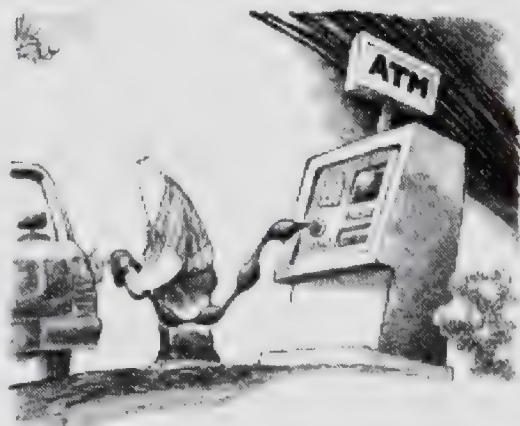
There may still be snow on the ground, but golf is on the minds of the organizers of the upcoming Annual Spring Golf Classic, a fundraiser for the Haliburton County Home Support Services.

This is just a reminder that HCHSS is holding its third annual spring golf classic on June 17 at the Blairhampton golf club. It's not too early to book your tee off time for this great event. There are great prizes to be won and space is limited. The cost to play is \$75 for 9 holes, cart and a delicious steak dinner, or \$25 for dinner only. All proceeds from this tournament go towards the much used services provided by Home Support. Please call Roxanne at home support for more information.

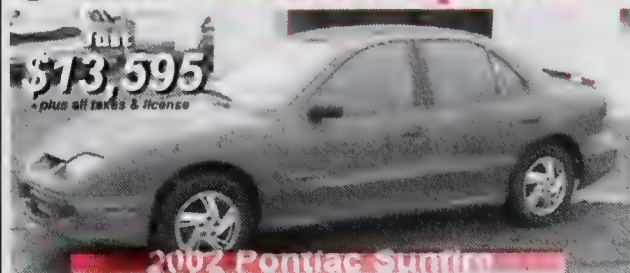
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Poisoned Mind...

A medical student was doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control center. A woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. The medical student quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no

need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down, and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she gave her daughter some ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants. The student told the mother that she better bring her daughter in to the Emergency room right away.

HIGHWAY TO HELL: New Mexico's Gov. Bill Richardson has announced he is working to change the highway number of U.S. 666, which cuts through a corner of his state, as well as Utah and Colorado. Rhonda Faught, Secretary of New Mexico's Highway and Transportation Department, claims the number "discourages tourism and economic development in the area." The number, assigned in the 1940s, designates the road as the sixth offshoot from Route 66. (Santa Fe New Mexican) ...Suggested new designation: Highway 13.

Your Chance To Win A Tracker is Here!



Be sure to get your tickets for the annual Haliburton Rotary draw for car or cash. Each year the club raffles off a brand new vehicle and this year it's a brand new flashy, yellow, convertible 4WD, GMC Tracker.

If you're the lucky winner and don't want the

vehicle, you can take \$25,000 cash instead. (What I could do with the cash!) Odds are pretty good as well, with no more than 4,500 tickets being sold. There will be 5 early bird prizes of \$500.00 value sponsored by Curry Motors, Haliburton IGA, Easton's Valu-Mart, Sir Sam's Ski Resort and Delta Pinestone.

The draw for the car will be held on Aug. 6th, 2003 at the annual Rotary Carnival and the early bird draws will be pulled, July 21st, 2003. Tickets will be available at various locations and from Rotary members everywhere. Watch for the vehicle on display, parked on a street and you can buy your \$20.00 ticket anytime up till the day of the draws.

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Family Praise Fire Department For Saving Home & Lives

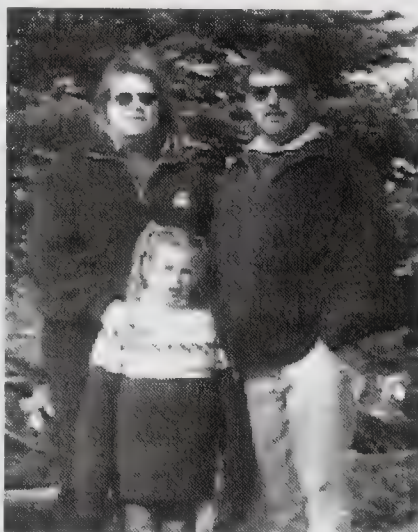
by Shirley Lucas

John and Lynn Waugh of Wilberforce, along with daughter Beth, have a lot to be thankful for and have nothing but praise for the Monmouth Volunteer Fire Department.

On March 1, 2003 at 2:00 in the morning, John was awakened by someone pounding loudly on his front door. Tanya Watson and her boyfriend, happened to be driving by the Waugh's home on the Essonville Line, when they noticed flames coming from the back and from the roof of the house. Acting quickly, they woke the family and everyone got out safely.

The fire department was notified and as John says, "Because of the quick response time and professionalism of the firemen, our home was saved." John has been a volunteer fireman with Monmouth for 13 years, so when he saw that the flames were coming from the roof, he says, "I've seen a lot of fires and too many times when it's reached the roof, it's a hard go, but because of the great guys we have in the department as well as the equipment, we were able to be back in our own beds the same night."

John goes on to explain, "If our services here at the fire department had been cut back, we would probably have lost our home. The township has hired a consultant to decide if there is a need to keep the Tory Hill and the Highland Grove departments running, but I know that if it hadn't been for the pumper truck and the guys from Tory Hill being available, things would have been a lot worse."



John, Lynn and Beth, would like to say a huge thank you to Tanya Watson and her boyfriend for reacting so quickly and the Monmouth Volunteer Fire Department for doing such a great job.

A few weeks prior to the fire at the Waugh home, Ernie Rak, of Essonville Line, lost his home to a fire. Ernie adds his praises and appreciation for the fire department, "I know they did everything they could and were very supportive. Even when the fire was still going, someone from the department was on the radio making sure that I was going to get some help. The Red Cross was the first to come to the rescue and took me shopping for clothes and some basic necessities to keep me going and a few days later, Agnew's Store gave me a gift certificate."

Ernie is in the process of getting back on his feet again. The re-building of his home and shop will begin in the spring. He hopes to have his mobile welding and auto repair shop finished first so that he can get back to business.

Pictured are Lynn, John and their daughter Beth. The family had a close call with a recent house fire.



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The results of the Renovation and Home Value Survey, conducted by the Appraisal Institute of Canada (AIC), show that while conventional renovation projects can improve a home's sellable attributes, homeowners should not expect to get dollar value back on their investment.

In the survey, several hundred residential appraisals specialists were asked which renovations offer the most potential to a home's value and what is the average percentage of return on value that homeowners can expect with renovation projects. Here are the top ten renovation projects with their average potential return on investment:

painting and décor, interior – 73%; kitchen renovation – 72%; bathroom renovation – 68%; painting, exterior – 65%; flooring upgrades – 62%; window and/or door replacement – 57%; main floor family room addition – 51%; fireplace addition – 50%; basement renovation – 49%; furnace and/or heating system replacement 48%.

Other sources reveal a further average return on the following investments: air conditioning – 80%; garage – 80%; additions – 60-75%; siding, soffit and fascia – 50-75%; basement – 60%; decks – 50%; landscaping – 60%.

The type of renovations that seems to improve a home's overall marketability is a project that transforms a tired, washed-out house into an updated, fresh looking home – a makeover in a manner of speaking.

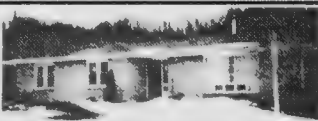
You should also limit the number of personal or custom renovations, as these don't produce a high return on value. For example, renovation projects that expand the family living area may add to the value of a home. However, a project that reduces the number of bedrooms or creates an unusual configuration may weaken the home's appeal.

It is also suggested exterior renovations should not improve the property to the point that it no longer fits into the neighbourhood. When determining the sale price for a home, the neighbourhood as well the individual property and building are taken into consideration.

If you are considering investing in your home or if you are in the market for a new home, here are some trends that are popular. The top ten projects are main-floor laundry room, ground-floor home office, hardwood flooring upgrade in kitchen, whirlpool bath separate from shower, built-in kitchen appliances, addition of kitchen cooking island, non-neutral interior paint colours, "smart" house wiring, home theatre room, and skylights.

So what is the overall advice from appraisal specialists? Keep a balance between individual taste and enhancing future value. You want to enjoy your home but you also want to protect your investment.

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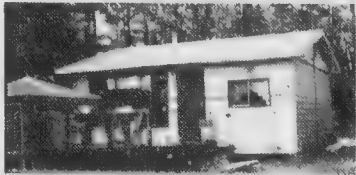

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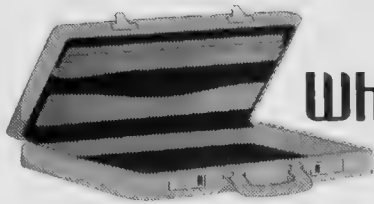
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The Working with the Travel Trade Workshop is taking place on Thursday, May 1. Janice Ketchen, Travel Trade Liaison for the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership, will discuss how you can reach both the domestic travel trade as well as international inbound tour operators. The workshop will provide the following opportunities:

- Learn the pros and cons of selling your tourism product through the travel agent/tour operator distribution network.
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- The Highlands is miles behind other regions offering packages and working with the trade, so mark your calendar now and don't miss this great day!

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On the Lighter Side.....Today's Stock Market Report



Helium was up,
Feathers were down.
Paper was stationary.
Knives were up sharply.
Cows steered into a bull market.
Pencils lost a few points.
Hiking equipment was trailing.
Elevators rose, while escalators continued their slow decline.
Weights were up in heavy trading.
Light switches were off.
Mining equipment hit rock bottom.
Diapers remained unchanged.
Shipping lines stayed at an even keel.
The market for raisins dried up.
Coca Cola fizzled.
Caterpillar stock inched up a bit.
Sun peaked at midday.
Balloon prices were inflated.
Scott Tissue touched a new bottom.
And batteries exploded in an attempt to recharge the market.

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Lange On The Law



Dismissal from Employment

An employer and employee are not married for life. Often, an employer will bid farewell to an employee for business reasons, such as downsizing, and, in these circumstances, the employee will be dismissed with compensation based on the length of employment.

Dismissal from employment without compensation involves the issue of whether the employer dismissed the employee for just cause, that is, for good reason. Examples of just cause are poor work performance or absenteeism from work. If just cause is proven, the employer is not required to compensate the dismissed employee. The employee, however, may wish to argue that he or she was wrongfully dismissed, that is, dismissed without just cause, and should receive compensation.

The employee has one of two forums to contest a dismissal from employment. One forum is to file a claim under the Employment Standards Act with the Ministry of Labour. Under the Act, the maximum that an employer can be ordered to pay is \$10,000. The other forum is the courts. An employee may sue in the small claims court for under \$10,000 or in the superior court for higher amounts. An employer can only be made to respond to a wrongful dismissal allegation once, so if an employee loses in one of the forums chosen, that is the end of the case against the employer.

In the next column, I will be talking about tradesmen's liens on property for work performed.

Free Supermarket Tour

Interested in finding out what those food labels really say? Or trying to figure out what the health claims made on products are all about? This could be for you then! Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is having a free Supermarket Tour on Thursday, April 24, at 7:00 pm in Haliburton.

A registered Dietitian will lead people on an aisle by aisle tour of a local grocery store. The goal of the tour is to make participants smarter shoppers by opting for healthy food choices when they fill their grocery carts. Participants will learn to read those food labels, understand ingredients lists and assess health claims. At the end of the tour, people will receive a take-home kit packed with nutrition information and health tips.

The Health Unit needs participants to register ahead of time, so give Melanie a call at (705) 457-1391. The Health Unit will be doing more tours in the future, so if this date doesn't work for you, phone the number above to put your name on a list.

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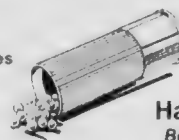
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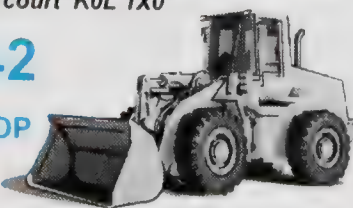
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Calling all kids 7 - 16 years old! Get ready to rock into spring at the up-coming pre-teen dance at the Harcourt Community Centre on April 11.

These get together dances for youth have been a popular event for the past two years. Turnouts have easily exceeded over 100 in the past. It's a great way for the youngsters to get out, burn off some sugar, and have some fun and meet new friends.

The dance runs from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. There are door prizes and lots of fun for those who attend. The admission fee is \$3 and there are snacks and refreshments available for \$1 each.

The dance is hosted by a D.J. who plays all the favs!! Come on out and join in the fun.

**Old is when your friends compliment you
on your new alligator shoes and
you're barefoot.**

Skating Carnival An Annual Crowd Pleaser

The Wilberforce Figure Skating Club has been practicing hard for their annual Figure Skating Carnival. This event is always the finale for the club for the year and is being held on March 29th, 2003 at the Monmouth Arena.

The theme for this years skaters is 'Jambalaya', a mixture of many different types of music, including pop, Disney, Hawaiian and good old rock and roll to name a few. The evening promises to entertain all who attend, with solo performances, duets, group skates and a special guest performance by Tory Hill resident, Shane Outram and his partner who is an exchange student from Italy.

There will be 50/50 draws and chance tables on site for your chance to win some great prizes donated by businesses and individuals from our area. "There are some really good prizes," says organizer Ida Schultz.

The admission for the evening event is a mere \$4.00 for adults, students and seniors \$2.00 and pre-schoolers get in for free. The bleachers were full last year and this year promises a great turn out and show for the whole family. Don't miss this year's Figure Skating Carnival.

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It's Been Many Things - But For The Past 15 Years It's Been ...

"The Variety Store"

by Shirley Lucas
Staff Reporter

Congratulations to Jan and Clarence Cole on the 15th anniversary of the opening of The Variety Store! April 28th, marks the day that they opened the door of their new business venture.

Jan and Clarence became attracted to this area while vacationing at Deer Lodge, in the Haliburton Highlands. During the drive home at the end of their holiday, Jan decided to turn Clarence's world upside down. (Gotta keep them on their toes!)

According to Jan, she turned to Clarence and said, "Why don't we quit our jobs and go into business for ourselves up here?" She adds, "It surprised him so much that he had to pull over and stop the car. He had never thought I'd be interested in anything like that but he was only too happy to agree."

The couple began searching through the Real Estate offices in Haliburton and came across the listing of a convenience store in Wilberforce. While checking into the history of the building, they became fascinated by its



background. Jan explains, "I was told it had been a hairdressing salon as well as a restaurant, gas and service station, woodworking shop, an apartment building and a pinball arcade called the Tapioca Tunnel. I think it began as a convenience store when it was Glen's 10 to 10 and it's funny how some things stick with people as I know some still think of it as a 10 to 10. She laughs, then adds, "But just so everybody knows, we're actually opened from 9 am to 10 pm."

Needless to say, they decided this was where they wanted to

be so they packed their belongings in Oshawa and moved here in the spring of 1988 to open up shop. When asked if they had any regrets, Jan replies, "This business isn't for everybody because it can be a real tie. But as Clarence and I enjoy working together, we don't see it that way. I really can't believe how the years have flown by!"

Jan and Clarence have proven to be dedicated and reliable in their endeavor to bring quality service to their customers. One thing you can always count on is the Variety Store being open on those days of the year that nobody else is. It's nice to know that on Christmas Day, when you realize that you've run out of that one item that you absolutely need for dinner or an unexpected relative shows up and you haven't bought them a present, you can just head to the Variety Store.

With a wide variety of products such as basic groceries, videos, DVD's, gift wares, magazines, water jugs for dispensers and so much more, Jan and Clarence have tried to accommodate their customers needs.

In appreciation of all their customers, Jan, Clarence and Lana would like to invite everyone to an Open House at the Variety Store on April 27th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Join them for coffee and cake and enter your name in the free draws.

Jan would also like to ask anyone with any information or pictures on the history of the store to please contact her at 448-3669. They would really like to hear from you.

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Maple Syrup Festival & Flea Market Back Again!!

The annual Maple Syrup Festival will return to the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on April 19th, 2003. The event features crafts and concession tables and a flea market on site and of course get ready for the ever popular pancakes and sausages. You'll taste the sweet flavor of maple syrup from Riley's Northern Gold as 386 happy people did at last years event.

Doors open at 9:00 am with concessions running till 3:00 pm. The pancakes and sausages will be served from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm and the cost for this delicious brunch is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Bring the whole family for the sweet taste of the maple syrup this year and who knows - the Easter Bunny may even pop in to visit with the kids.

If you wish to set up a concession table for \$12.00, please call Kathy Rogers at (705) 448-2419 or the Highlands East township office at 448-2981.

Gooderham Bake Sale

To help freshen your home décor this spring, why not attend the Gooderham United Church annual Spring Craft and Bake Sale - you might just find that treasure you've been looking for.

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Good News For Tory Hill Convenience Store & Laundry-Mat Opening Soon

by Shirley Lucas - Staff Reporter

Tired of driving miles to pick up a bag of milk or having to lug your laundry around the county? Well here's some good news! "The Outpost" is on its way to make your life a little easier. Chuck Clarkson, owner/operator of the new Convenience Store and Laundromat in Tory Hill, saw a real need in the community and has taken the steps to do something about it. Located on



the west side of hwy. 648 as you're driving out of Tory Hill towards Wilberforce. (watch for signs!), this new business will be a great addition for the area.

The Outpost will be offering you a nice, clean, smoke-free environment for getting the laundry done or to pick up those last minute items that you always forget until you get home. There

will also be a section in the store for plumbing supplies and water analysis (to correct water).

Chuck is hoping to have everything ready to go by the middle of April, so keep a look out for the Grand Opening! See you there!

Wilberforce Full Gospel Church Coming Events

Sunday, March 30 - 7 p.m.

The Dalgleish Family
Brent, Wendy, and their three teenage children will provide an evening of enjoyable Christian Music. Brent is the Reeve of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands.

Sunday, April 27 - 7 p.m.

Al and Cathy Hilgendorf will bring us an evening filled with great Gospel Music. Al is the artist who painted the mural on the wall of the Wilberforce Fire Hall.



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All Welcome To Attend Legion Events – From Karaoke to Pool & Darts....

If you like to sing, well, you can be the star at this month's Karaoke night at the Wilberforce Legion taking place April 5 from 9 p.m. to closing.

Don't forget other great activities taking place at the busy Wilberforce Legion such as pool nights every Tuesday at 7 p.m., dart nights every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and the popular meat draws held every Saturday afternoons starting at 3 p.m. There is also a monthly cribbage tournament held on the fourth Sunday of every month.

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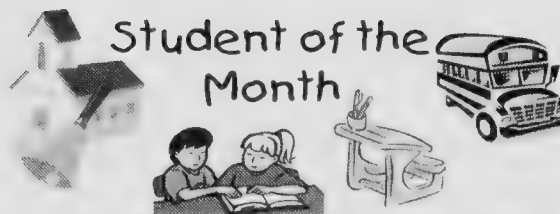
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Wilberforce Public School's Student of the Month for March, is Jamie Ruddell a Grade 6 student in Ms. Cunningham's class. Jamie is the son of Cindy and Jim Ruddell of Wilberforce. Students are picked for a combination of achievements, such as being good citizens, thoughtfulness, being helpful or academic excellence. They are then entered into a draw and a name is picked randomly. Ms. Murphy reported that Jamie was very helpful during his term of Student of the Month. All right Jamie!



Live Entertainment at Wilberforce Full Gospel - Everyone Welcome

For some enjoyable Christian Music, be sure not to miss two exciting evenings filled with lively entertainment at the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church.

The first evening of music features the Dagleish Family on Sunday March 30 beginning at 7 p.m. Brent, who is the Reeve of Hastings Highlands, will be joined by his wife and their three teenage children. It's sure to be an enjoyable evening.

On Sunday, April 27, the church hall will be filled with the sounds of Al and Cathy Hilgendorf. Al is the artist who painted the mural on the wall of the Wilberforce Fire Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend either or both of these special nights. The Wilberforce Full Gospel Church is located on Hwy. 121 near Rock Lake Road by the Municipal Sheds. Turn onto Hwy 121 at the flashing light on Hwy 648 between Tory Hill and Wilberforce – once on Hwy 121, the church is just a couple miles on the right hand side.

For more information call Wayne Rutter at 448-2569.

Wilberforce School To Benefit From Nevada Ticket Sales

by Shirley Lucas

Here's a huge bonus for the Wilberforce Public School! Jan and Clarence Cole of the Variety Store will be donating the proceeds from their Nevada Ticket sales to the school as an ongoing fundraiser. Nevada Tickets were designed to help local charities or wherever else there may be a need in a community such as minor hockey organizations or volunteer fire stations through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission.

Prior to this, there had been no steady fundraiser for the school and according to Tammy Vaughan, Coordinator of the school's Fundraising Committee there has been a real need in this area.

Tammy explains, "Because of lower budgets and other cut backs, having an ongoing fundraiser will go a long way in helping to keep down the costs of school trips, books and school supplies. We really appreciate this."



And here's another interesting fact. The Wilberforce Public School turned 92 years old on March 18th. Happy Birthday! Hopefully the success of the Nevada Ticket sales will bring many a "birthday gift" to the school!!

Pictured far left is Tammy and right Jan. Be sure to stop in and get your Nevada Tickets - You Could Win!!

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Public Speaking Contest Winners



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Thank You

Clarence, Jan, & Lana wish to thank Wilberforce and area for your patronage over the past 15 years. It has been a pleasure serving the community. We look forward to many more years!!

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Highlands East Official Plan Meeting Coming

In the spring of 2002, Council for the Municipality of Highlands East committed to the preparation of an Official Plan and Zoning By-Law for the new Municipality of Highlands East. The Official Plan is the primary document used by a municipality to manage land, resources and development while the Zoning By-Law is a land use control document.

On March 28th, 2003 new drafts of the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law will be released for public review and comment in anticipation of a public meeting with Council on Saturday, May 10, at 10:00 am at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. The purpose of this meeting is to provide another opportunity for members of public to comment on the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law before Council considers approving the documents.

The Official Plan and Zoning By-Law contain a number of policies and provisions designed to provide the Municipality with the tools to implement an effective land use planning program.

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John Pender (our new columnist in our tech section), owns a company called Periscopes, Bindletores and Fluxinducers (the story behind this name is interesting and one you can ask him personally). To simplify things, he also calls his company PB&F for short.

What can he do for you and your business? The question is more like what can't he do. John is extremely qualified and has a technical resume that will certainly impress you, if you can truly understand half the technical jargon on it. It's best left to say when it comes to computer technology... the man has experience.

"I'm a computer geek," John admits. "I always have been I'm a true geek." And what better person to advise you on computer matters than a true computer geek. His office / living

room is a circle of technology with wall to wall computers all serving their purpose and all just a walk in the park for John.

What can he do for you? "My main focus is business solutions. If it will make your life easier, and there's a computer attached to it, I can help you," says John.



He continues, "What I do is actually fairly simple, yet complex. Simple because it's easy to say, complex because it takes things like *html* and *code* and *o.c.* and *d.s.l.a.m* and *ethernet* to make it happen."

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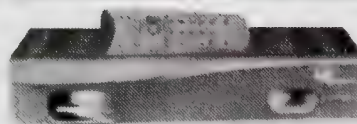
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Evolving in a Wired World

by John Pinder

Ok. So I guess I am really excited. Why you ask with baited breath? It is entirely because I found out that there is a new piece of open source software that would allow me to compute data on millions computers at once. When I say open source that means it is not at all like something that Microsoft makes. It is free. And you can see how it was made. And you can change it to work the way you want it to. What's so exciting about that?

Well I suppose it is because this will allow very important data to be processed very quickly across many computers on the Internet. As an example, there is a division of Berkley University; seti (the Search for extraterrestrial Intelligence) that utilizes a similar sort of software to have millions of people use their home computers to help find intelligent life in very far away places. Like the crab nebula. That's really interesting. You can see how it works and even get it working on your computer by going to the seti@home website here: <http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/>

Since I am on the topic of new stuff, that isn't really new, I think I should tell you about one of the coolest things out there. We even have it here. It is called wifi. Wireless fidelity. 802.11.b. It is a method of transporting data, very, very quickly, without the use of wires. There is a company here in the highlands called candlelight communications that provides this service straight to your home or office or bathtub if you like. It has been around for a very long time. The military perfected it some time ago and they have been using various types of wireless data transfer for years and years and years. But now, with a computer in your bathtub, and for a reasonable price, you can troll the Internet at speeds that boggle the imagination and not have to pay an extra red cent to bell, or the cable company. Did I say boggle?

Just the other day someone thought that they were insulting me by asking, "ooooohh

ya, if your such a smart and geeky guy", ok he didn't exactly use these words, he wasn't so suave with his words, "what are you doing working in Haliburton?" And so I thought for a moment, what difference does it make where I work? I can communicate using technology and Internet stuff to people all over the world. And I do. I have clients and friends in Australia and Michigan and Minden. Technology works for me. I use it every day. It makes my life easier, interesting and fun. It also saves me a fortune in airfare. So I ask, why isn't everybody working here? It sure is a great place to work.

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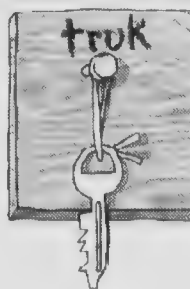
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I apologize for the condition of last months computer jokes in our on-going look at computer terms in a more simplistic way... these should be clearer... and I will re-run the unclear ones at a later date... watch for more next month...



Laptop
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Keyboard
What ya hang the dang truck keys on



Software
Them thar plastic forks 'n knives

What is Success...

What is success? To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the approval of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give of one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson – Poet, Essayist and Philosopher

John Can Help You Enter The Tech World

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"If you need a website, we do that. If you need to sell something and want to use the internet to do that, we can help. If your office is growing and you need someone to network your computers to you can have one printer and not 5, we're on it. If you have a website already but it's not working half the time, we'll park it where you are safe and secure and working all the time. If you can't get your email anywhere other than the office, have we got a solution. If you are using software to make things easier at the office, only it's not, we may have some ideas to help you out," explains John.

John has lived in the area since Sept. of 2001. He said he moved up here to "run away" from the city. John worked at a huge advertising agency with huge clients where he did websites, on-line ads, media presentations, etc... His mother Pat Brown, resides in the area and one day John decided it would be nice to live the quieter life. "I have a special niches in the tech world," says John, "after meeting people up here I noticed there was a need for my services."

He says with technology the way it is now, you don't need to live in the big city, - technology, and the internet, brings to world to us.

If you are struggling with the tech world and want to make the step, my suggestion is to contact John and see what he can do for you to get you and your business working for you. To contact John call 457-5075. You can also check out his website at www.bindletorc.net

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Classes take place at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on April 7, 9, 10, 14 and 16 from 3:30 - 5:30.

These lessons will address accuracy, figure and landscape drawing as well as perspective. At the end of the workshop, the students will be critiqued and an exceptional piece will be chosen from each student.

Each of the students will then be paired with a local artist and will visit the artist's studio where the two will discuss another piece in the artist's media, which will reflect the student's drawing. This will be held April 22, 24 and 28.

The resulting final piece will become part of an exhibition to be held at the grand opening of the addition of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in May of 2004.

The cost of this workshop is \$25 per student. Students are required to supply sketchpad and pencils.

The workshop is limited to 10 students. To register, please call the gallery at 286-3763 and leave a message with your contact information. Younger students may be accepted if they have above-average talent. Examples of work may be required.

Agnes Jamieson Opens For Another Great Season

On April 8th the Agnes Jamieson Gallery will begin its season with the Excellence from Archie Stouffer Secondary School. This year two works from each class has been chosen for its excellence in addressing what was being studied. The preschool students from the CHACE daycare will also be included.

Everyone is welcomed to the Opening April 8th from 5pm to 7pm.

"Student art exhibitions are my favourite. It is so thrilling to see the excitement and pride as students come into the gallery. They explain, with great enthusiasm, what their drawings and paintings are about. Seeing students bring in their parents and have words of congratulations spoken is what causes these children to grow an appreciation for expressing themselves. It is what this public gallery is meant for," says Laurie Carmount, administrator for the gallery.

This year's programming for the gallery is shortened due to the construction of the addition and renovations which is to commence in October. However the exhibitions are high in quality, diverse between local and regional artists, media and interest.

"We hope we have put together programming which will enlighten people. When they leave each exhibition it is our goal that they have walked away with something to ponder," says Laurie. "If there is one exhibition I would pick out for being outstanding in its educational quality it would have to be the David Blackwood exhibition starting April 24th."

Class A Qualification Will Bring More Exhibits

With the Class A qualification the Agnes Jamieson Gallery will have after its renovations and addition it will be able to bring more of these traveling exhibitions from other galleries' collections. All, of course, depending on funding.

"With community support through memberships to the gallery, the gallery will use the raised revenue to help subsidize the costs of bringing in such exhibitions. As the community supports the gallery it will in turn bring together interesting programming for the community to participate in. It's a win-win situation for everyone, fulfilling our role and mandate."

Be sure to pick up information on how to join the gallery and what the benefits are when you visit. Look for the 2003 Programming flyer, which will be available throughout the County. Put it on your fridge to keep track of exhibition Opening dates and other events. The flyer has the gallery on one side and the Minden Hills Museum on the other.

"It is the gallery and museums' goal to partner more - to appear together in order to emphasize our proximity and the Cultural Centre idea."

Gallery hours will be Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm.



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Who Dun-It

The scene is a country cottage near Irondale at 2:18 in the afternoon. Detective Minden had just arrived at the scene of a murder. Bob Burns has been found dead on his porch, a silenced revolver lay at his feet. Detective Minden started to interrogate the neighbours.

"Albert Tross, you live next door?" Minden inquired.

"Yes, I do," replied Albert Tross.

"I see," Minden continued, "what were you doing at 1:45 p.m. today?"

"I was out hunting," Tross explained.

"Alone?" replied Minden.

"Yes, but I was just out in my backyard so I would be around to hear the phone ring," replied Tross.

"Expecting a call, were you?" asked Minden.

"As a matter of fact, I was, and I got one too. My wife left for Chicago this morning and she said she'd call me when she got there," Tross replied.

"Okay, so did you notice anything suspicious today?" asked Minden.

"Yes, as a matter of fact, I heard a gunshot," replied Tross.

"Really? What time was this?" asked Minden.

"About 1:30," answered Albert Tross.

"Thank you, that should be enough," Minden said.

Minden then questioned another neighbour, Jasmine Williams. "I understand that you, too, were home at the time of his death," he said to the nervous gal.

"Correct. I was polishing things and then I wanted to bake a cake. I didn't have any sugar, so I went over to Bob's house, and he... he was dead."

"What time did you arrive?" Minden inquired.

"Judging by the clock in my house, I looked before I left, about 1:45, but it usually takes me ten minutes to walk over, so I don't know for sure," she answered. "Did you hear anything at all," asked Minden. "No" replied Jasmine.

"What was it that you were polishing," Minden asked?

"A revolver. I collect them. You could say I'm kind of a nut. I have all the necessary licenses," Jasmine retorted.

"I see," Minden said, he then turned to Simon Jones who was Mr. Burn's helper.

"Mr. Jones, didn't you say you were in the house at the time?"

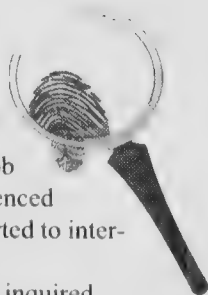
"Yes, as a matter of fact, I had just put some cookies in the oven and was cleaning the basement," Jones replied. "I decided to go check up on them."

"I see," said Det. Minden, "so you didn't hear a gunshot?"

"Not at all," said Mr. Jones.

"Well, one of you is a liar and I know who it is," said Detective Minden.

Case of the Suspicious Neighbour



Don't Miss Outstanding David Blackwood Exhibit in April - All Part of Movie Night

Movie Nights at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery have been quite popular, and there is yet another coming that is one not to miss.

April 24 features the movie "Blackwood" - nominated for an Oscar and winner of multiple awards, this film is about David Blackwood, one of Canada's greatest contemporary printmakers. A Newfoundlander by birth and spirit, Blackwood's work powerfully recalls the experience and memories of Wesleyville where he was born, and the outpost searlers' harsh, dangerous way of life now vanished.

An added bonus to movie goers is the David Blackwood exhibition which will be on display at the gallery. The exhibition is based on the print entitled "Fallen Mummer on Brockfield Marsh" which gives step-by-step examples of who the print was produced.

"Blackwood is a tremendous artist, we are fortunate to have even a small showing of his work," says gallery administrator Laurie Carmount.

The movie nights are free to attend. The Oscar nominated documentary on David will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the gallery. If you require further information contact Laurie Carmount, at 286-3763.

New Writer's Circle

A New Writer's Circle is to start meeting in Minden commencing in April. Further details can be obtained by calling Marjorie Green at 286-2592.

The Rails End Gallery

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The first exhibit is a Members Show. The Gallery is very fortunate to have as its "Members" a large, diverse group of talented artists many of whom are Haliburton County's own.

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We look forward to seeing you!

Who is the liar and why?

for answer see pg. 55

Dining and Entertainment

Lakeview Motel Re-Opening Restaurant

by Shirley Lucas - Staff Reporter

The new owners of the Lakeview Motel, John and Holly McDonald, have been very busy people. Since coming to Haliburton in May of 2002, they've been working hard doing renovations and tackling some pretty big projects that John likes to refer to as "infra-structures".

The couple moved here from Newmarket, Ontario, where John had worked for Nortel for 11 years. When the company offered John a package, he looked at Holly and said, "Let's try doing something on our own."

"I've been self-employed most of my life," explains Holly, "so when John took the package from Nortel, we thought about trying a Bed and Breakfast or a resort but found that a lot of them seemed to be in remote areas. Since we want to keep our kids happy too, we needed to find something that was still close to civilization."

They have four children ranging in age from 16 - 21. The oldest two are in university, while the youngest two are finishing their school year in Newmarket. Holly has had her hands full trying to manage two homes but she appears to be up to the challenge. John and Holly kept their home in Newmarket in the hopes of making the transition to Haliburton easier for their children. Even with this though, John says, "Our youngest two girls say that we've ruined their lives." Hopefully when the girls come to help at the motel this summer,



Pictured left is John & Holly McDonald, owners of Lakeview Motel. Above, Holly serves customers Peter & Anita Doble.



they'll see what a great place the Highlands can be!

John meanwhile, has almost finished re-modeling the garage behind the motel into a Games/Party room (pictured on pg. 35) as well as working with Holly in turning the restaurant from a 'breakfast only' to a full

menu dining experience.

With the help of their Operations Manager, Colleen Allin, they have come a long way in making this happen. The restaurant is open to the public right now though the liquor license is pending, but once it comes through, hopefully later this month, Holly says, "We'll have our grand opening." Colleen is offering a catering service through the restaurant as well.

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Mystic Music and Dance in Haliburton?

That's right. On Friday April 4th at the Dysart Community Center, Mystic Rhythm will be presenting their Seven Valleys performance. The band is striving to do what they can to assist with global unity, and the show reflects many diverse cultural aspects working in harmony. The program combines music and dance forms from a variety of world cultures including South America, Cuba, Persia, Africa, Europe, the U.K. and more.

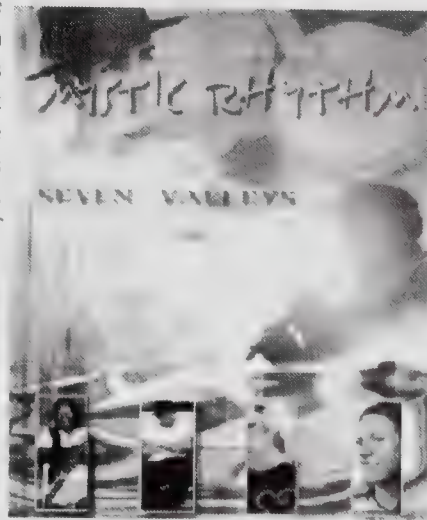
Some of the presentations are traditional in nature, while others are a fusion of forms. They use a wide range of instruments as a base for their unique musical sound including bassoon, African, Brazilian and Cuban drums, Persian bagpipe, tin whistle, Andean flute, classical guitar, piano....

The band is just releasing a new C.D. that should be available at the show, and are very excited about this presentation. Usually performing in southern Ontario and in the northern U.S., they have been hoping to be able to present something in the Haliburton area for some time, but never seemed to be able to find a venue they felt was quite right for them. It turns out that The Dysart Community Center is what they are looking for, and feels the local Municipal Office was very obliging and enjoyable to deal with.

"There is a refreshing community spirit here, and the people are very friendly", comments Terry Cowan, the troupe's composer and manager, "we are all really looking forward to this show", he says. The troupe prefers an interactive and intimate setting with the audience.

Tickets for the April 4th show are \$20.00 and are available at The Hair Lounge 489-3311 in Carnarvon, or by contacting Terry Cowan at cowans@encode.com for other local sources.

The performance starts at 7:00 p.m. See you there!



Lakeview Restaurant

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The restaurant is open every day from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and is offering a buffet breakfast every Saturday and Sunday as well brunch on Sundays. John and Holly request reservations so to reach them or Colleen, please call (705) 457-1027 and they'll be happy to hear from you.

Peter and Anita Doble of Haliburton had stopped in for lunch while I was there and as I was leaving, Peter called out, "Make sure you let everyone know that the food is great here!". Thanks Peter, you just did!

Wheels To Meals

Join With Others For Great Lunch & Outing!!

Haliburton County Home Support Services would like to invite you to come out to enjoy a fabulous meal and to meet new people at one of their 2003 Wheels to Meals locations. These locations consist of: Kei's Restaurant in Haliburton, every other Wednesday of the month; The Cookhouse in Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, Summertime only, dates to be set; Minden Legion in Minden, first Thursday of month; Dominion Hotel in Minden, third Tuesday of month; Bolger's at Martin Wood Resort, Harcourt, every second and fourth Friday of the month.

The meals are always pre-set and include: soup, entrée, roll, dessert and a beverage. The price range is \$6.00 to \$7.50 depending on location. Drivers can be arranged through Home Support for .34 cents a kilometer. Many people car pool, so this is a good chance to get together with some friends and go out together for a great meal and a little socializing!

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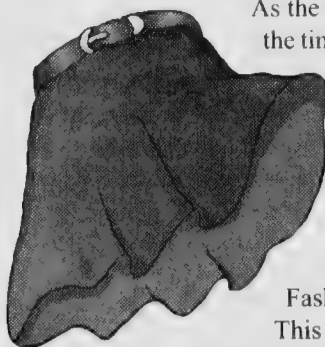
SALMON SPREAD BALL

This one is a favourite of Brett's. His mother made it at a party and it didn't stick around very long. We have since made it and again... it likes to disappear quick.

1 cup salmon
1 teaspoon Horseradish
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon onion, finely chopped
¼ teaspoon salt
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Mix all ingredients; form into ball.
Roll in parsley. Chill at least three hours.
Serve with crackers.

**Fashion Show Helps
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As the weather warms, now's the time to check out the new spring fashions, and your chance to do this while enjoying the company of others is taking place Sunday May 4 at the Spring Fling - Spring Tea and Fashion Show.

This event is presented by the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Auxiliary and is taking place at the Wigamog Inn near Haliburton. The day's events feature spring fashions by Bigley's in Bobcaygeon, refreshments, door prizes, Mary Kay Cosmetics, display booths and special tastings.

Tickets for the event are \$15 each. You can get your tickets by calling Guida Nason at 457-2642.

All proceeds from the show go toward the purchase of a portable x-ray machine.

Volvo, Video, Velcro
I came, I saw, I stuck around.

Ariels Worm Set To Release New CD

Hey!All you fans of Ariel's Worm! You will be pleased to know that they are almost done their new full-length album. It's going to print soon and they will be having 2 CD release parties in the upcoming future. The first is being held in Toronto on Saturday, April 12th, at The 360 Club.

But if you can't make that one, don't fret as they'll be having another CD release party locally, Saturday,

May 3rd, at the Carnarvan Bowl! They wouldn't forget all their local fans!!

For those of you that have missed out on hearing this band or haven't had the chance to meet them yet, here's a little info. The band began around 1999 as a brother and sister duo consisting of

songwriter Mike Strype and sister Jennifer Strype from Halls Lake, just north of Minden.

Their first demo CD lead the band in to the limelight with the song Beginner's Luck wich was picked for use on an episode of the hit TV show Dawson's Creek. This single also received radio play locally on the Moose as well as on 15 other radio stations.

Ariel's Worm grew to be a four-piece band and as recognition grew, began opening for such artists as Big Sugar, Kim Mitchell, The Watchman and Alannah Myles. They have spent a great deal of time on the road playing venues in the city but we'll be sure to let you know when they play locally so that you can come see them for yourself.

So, now that you've heard about them, be sure to head out for the big cd release party and hear them live and get yourself a CD hot - right off the presses!!



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The tasty breakfast gets underway at 10 a.m. and goes to 2 p.m. The cost is only \$5 per adult and \$3 for 12 and under.

Proceeds from the event go to the Stanhope Recreation Fund. Be sure to attend and bring your appetite!!

Razzamataz Kids Show Presents - 'Carnival of the Animals'

On Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m., YMCA Wanakita will be ringing with music and children's laughter as Razzamataz Kids' Shows presents Camille Saint-Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals" by the Music Arsenal.

Two performers dressed as clowns lead us through the story of various exotic animals to illustrate the charming music. A lively choreography, life-size puppets, giant colourful umbrellas and other visual effects vividly illustrate the music.

The London Free Press said of the show, "the funky, fun-filled show is a whirl of colour set to music. The characters, Mandoline and Octave, vividly impersonate the various animals Saint-Saëns' music represents."

Camille Saint-Saëns was a French pianist and composer who died in 1921. He wrote the musical sketches of animals to entertain friends, and never allowed them to be published or publicly performed during his lifetime. Now they are probably his most popular compositions as the music evokes the roaring lion, the hopping kangaroo, and the braying donkey among others. You will smile as you listen for the turtle who dances the can-can painfully slowly, and the zoo even includes a pair of pianists practicing their scales.

The Music Arsenal, founded in Montreal in 1978, is dedicated to entertaining young audiences and has created 15 original productions and performed over 5000 shows for children and youth all over the world. This production was created in 1997 to introduce children to an innovative piece of classical music, and to stimulate the imagination. While the production is designed especially for children ages 4 to 8, the music and pageantry will delight all ages. For more information about the performers, see www.arsenal.ca

This performance of the Carnival of the Animals is made pos-

sible by the generous support of the sponsors: Haliburton Rotary Club, David Shapiera and YMCA Wanakita. Razzamataz would also like to thank the Haliburton Legion for its donation. YMCA Wanakita is located on the Donald Road, off County

Road 1. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Children under two are always free.

This is the last show of the Razzamataz season. Next year's program has been planned, and includes music, dance, theatre and puppetry. Early Bird season passes may be purchased at this show for \$15 (adult or child); the regular season pass is \$18, and either offers substantial savings over individual ticket prices.

For more information, please contact Stacey Bennett 286-4511 or Amy Klose 457-4266.



Everyone Welcome to Join In Special Poetry Night

If you love poetry, then you must attend the Haliburton Library on Thursday April 10. Haliburton poets will hail National Poetry Month at a poetry reading at the library from 7 - 8 p.m.

Local poet Lea Harper, author of *Shadow Crossing* and *All That Saves Us*, is organizing the reading to help celebrate poetry. Local poets are invited to share their poems or read from the work of their favourite Canadian poets.

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Approximately 100 people watched in awe as Don Ross performed his magic at a recent live performance at the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon.

The intimate show was a treat for all who attended. Don is an extraordinary and gifted player – one only need listen for a moment before you start to watch in amazement – wondering where his second set of hands are hidden

wondering how one man can make those sounds from one guitar.

His music falls into no category and it would be a crime to even attempt to place a tag on his style. To listen to Don is more of an adventure as his music takes you on a journey – one that you wish could last a lifetime.

Don is a single dad who is quite busy with his music career. In just two weeks he is heading off once again to Europe to perform in Holland, Scotland, Germany and Italy. He says he plays for audiences from 500 to 1,000 or more in size and enjoys each performance. And he is being very well received in Europe. "I've been at it for the last 12 years here and I think people are used to the style of music I play here. Over there, it was received very well."

Don plays for the love of his music and has definitely created his own unique style. "I kind of fell through the cracks of categories," he says.

Not only has he created his own style, but his own tunings. Don's show consists of a musical performance spaced by re-tuning with comical banter to pass the time, and then right back into another journey. His stories, all of which are true, he points out, would make an excellent novel, that would make for a great read while listening to one of his many CD's in the background. We await the novel Don.

Back to his tuning - Don says he has actually created new ways to tune a guitar and this is one factor, which makes his songs so unique. "All my songs have alternative tuning. I only really do a couple with regular tuning. I'd say I use over 100 different tunings," he says.

So much can be said about his style and music, but to truly appreciate Don you must hear him, preferably during a live performance if you're fortunate to catch his show and if you can't, then do yourself a favour and pick up a copy of one or more of his CD's. It's great music for that romantic evening or to listen to relax and sooth your soul. Take a journey with Don Ross – you'll be glad you did.



Spring Fling Dance Features Live Band

Spring is in the air and it's time to dance – at the Haliburton Legion at least for their Spring Fling Dance being held April 26.

The dance will feature music by the 5 piece band "Backwoods". The evening includes a hot buffet. The cost is \$35 per couple in advance, or \$40 per couple at the door.

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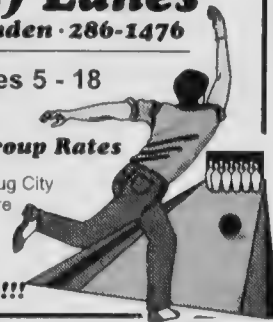
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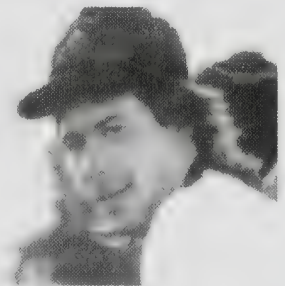
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Cole Miscio above, of West Guilford was one of many participants of the recently held 1st Annual Bob Craftchick Fishing Derby held in Gooderham. Pictured below is a picture of Bob, who the tournament is named in memory of.

Bob passed away after a tragic snowmobile accident a few years ago. Close friends organized the successful event in his memory. The tournament was well attended and enjoyed by all.



Urban Legends

As this tale goes, a woman works for a very large company as an incoming telephone consultant. One day at work, she receives a call from a customer and upsets the particular customer, who becomes quite hostile with her over the phone. She terminates the call and soon forgets about it.

Several days later, a bunch of flowers arrive for her at the office from an unknown source or a secret admirer. When the woman leaves the building later that afternoon she is attacked and killed by a gunman in a passing vehicle. The assassin / irate customer later confessed that he used the flowers as a means to identify the woman who angered him on the phone.

Another variation of the story goes that the woman does not want the flowers and gives them to a co-worker who is mistaken as the target and killed as she leaves the office.

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Feature speakers Joan Lucas (Genealogist), Frank Lucas and David Kemlo of the Greater Harvey Historical Society will be speaking about the United Empire Loyalists at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Doors open at 6 pm, speakers at 7 pm. There will be refreshments with home-made cookies and a fun "bring and win" raffle is held. Everyone is welcome!

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group holds 5 regular meetings a year, on the second Wednesday of the month. Months to remember are: February, April, June, September and November. Always fun and informative!

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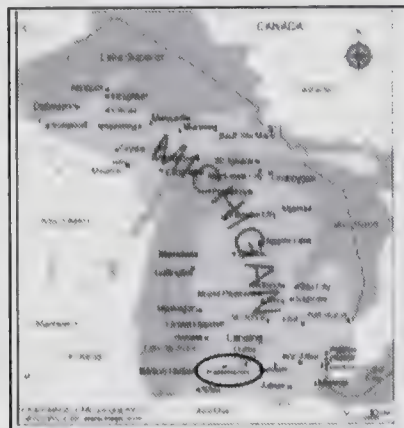


Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo, located in southwestern Michigan at the crossroads of US-131 and Interstate 94, is the county seat for Kalamazoo County and is the fifth largest metropolitan area in Michigan. It has a broad-based, diverse economy, ranging from small businesses to corporate headquarters for some of the Fortune 500 companies. It is also a major educational center in Michigan; home to Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University. Major attractions include downtown shopping, the old depot, (now bus station) and Milham Park - to name just a few.

Kalamazoo is derived from the Indian name: Kikalamazoo, which stands for Reflecting River" or "mirage," an apt description of the lazy waters of the river flowing through the area. Titus Bronson was the first to settle here in 1829 among the chiefly Pottawatomi Indians inhabiting the area.

In 1831, General Justice Burdick came here with a group of settlers, providing stability to the area. The village of "Bronson" was officially platted and registered shortly afterwards, with the first house built a year later. The Michigan Legislature renamed the town in 1836 after the Township, organized under US Ordinance nationwide a few years earlier. It was quickly incorporated as a village in 1838 and reorganized as a city in 1883.



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- 1: What is John making in the garage?
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Blind Draw Dart Tournament Open To All

The Haliburton Legion is hosting their annual Spring Fling Dart Tournament on Saturday, April 26, 2003. This is an annual one day event that is open to the public and has always been received by a fantastic turn out.

The tournament is conducted by a blind draw, which is made up of two party teams. This is done by everyone drawing from a deck of cards and whoever has matching cards become partners. The cost to enter is \$10.00 per person with registration at 10:00 am and games starting at 11:00 am.

Then stick around! At 9:00 pm the entertainment begins with the band, "Backwoods", who'll be playing a variety of tunes for different tastes, (aha! Knew there had to be dancing involved!). A hot buffet will be served at 11:00 pm. Everyone welcome!

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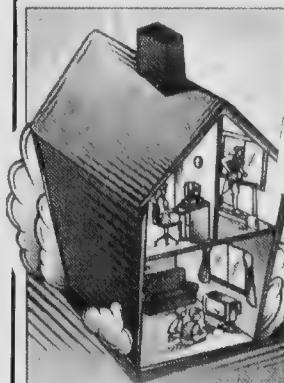


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Haliburton County Home Support Services and its many dedicated volunteers enable seniors 55+ and/or physically disable adults 18+ to remain independent in their own homes for a longer period.

Volunteering offers you an opportunity for personal growth, satisfaction of giving to others, a sense of accomplishment, and a way to meet people. Offering hands that help and hearts that care, you can make a difference in someone's life. Give unconditionally.

If you would be interested in volunteer driving, please call Roxanne Casey, Home Support Services at (705) 457-2941.

HAPPY EASTER

All I Need To Know About Life I Learned
From The Easter Bunny ...



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Walk softly and carry a big carrot
Everyone needs a friend who is all ears
There's no such thing as too much candy
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A cute little tail attracts a lot of attention
Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits
Some body parts should be floppy
Keep your paws off other people's jellybeans
Good things come in small sugar-coated packages
The grass is always greener in someone else's basket
An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare
To show your true colors you have to come out of your shell
The best things in life are still sweet and gooey

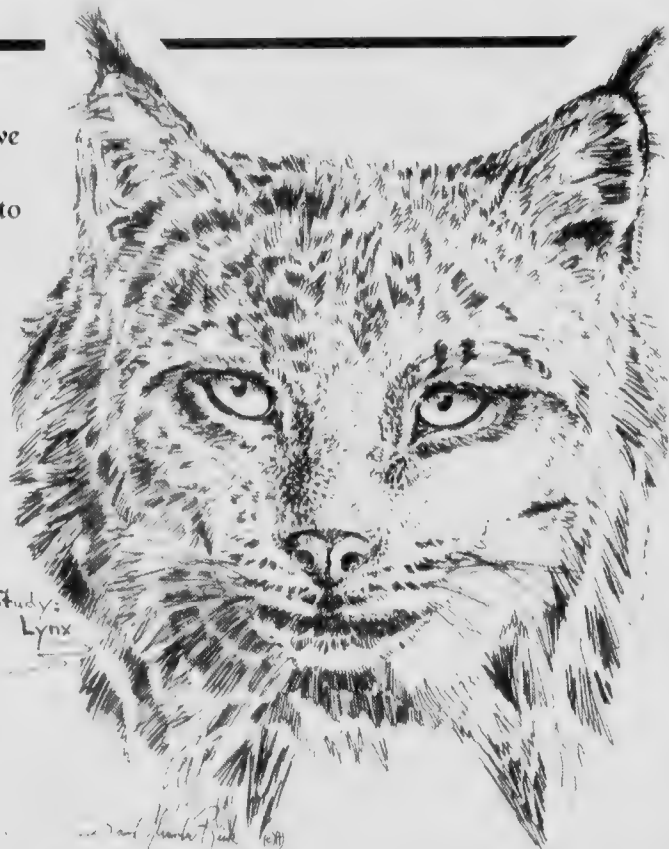
Happy Easter Everybunny

From the sketch-book of
Artist & Naturalist **David Alexander Risk**

The big cats are some of the most impressive of all predators. This portrait sketch of a feline face was quickly done in pen and ink to capture its overall character.

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Spring Cleaning?... Donate to the Treasure Table!

Thinking of Spring-cleaning? The Haliburton County Home Support Drop-In Centre has a place for all the wonderful "Stuff" that's gathering dust in your basement! They have an ongoing Treasure Table Sale and are still accepting articles, so if you have any items that you would like to donate or are looking for something special, drop by! They have all sorts of nick knacks, clothing, books as well as a scroll saw, typewriter and lots more. All monies raised from the Treasure Table go to the many services, which they provide.



Home Support welcomes your unwanted items that are in good to excellent condition. Drop off your items to the Home Support Office, located in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton Village.

Home Support is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. They look forward to seeing you! People Helping People!

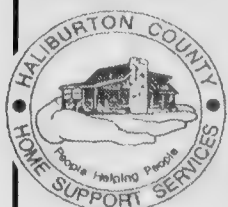
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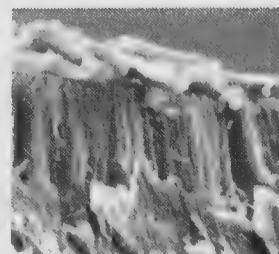
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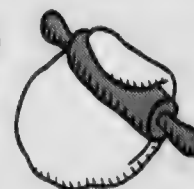
If you are a nailbiter this might be the answer to help you quit. This is a picture of a fingernail magnified 1000 times. (That's it... I quit).

What do drug addicts and overeaters have in common? Studies have shown that drug addicts and chronic overeaters both have a shortage of dopamine receptors in the brain. Dopamine helps stimulate feelings of pleasure, and the body produces dopamine after eating just as it does after one takes cocaine or heroin.



HEALTHY RECIPES

Submitted by the HKPD Health Unit



Roasted Mixed Vegetable

This is great with turkey or ham.

- 2 small turnips, cut in half
or 1 small rutabaga, cut in large cubes
- 2 medium potatoes, quartered
- 2 medium carrots, halved
- 1 medium onion, quartered
- 1 tsp basil
- ¼ tsp pepper

Place vegetables in a lightly oiled baking dish; toss until vegetables are well coated with oil. Sprinkle basil and pepper on top. Cover and bake at 350°F for 1 hour or until vegetables are tender. Serves 6.....Enjoy!

Serving Suggestions

Turnips can be cooked and served whole.

Rutabagas are usually served sliced, diced or mashed.

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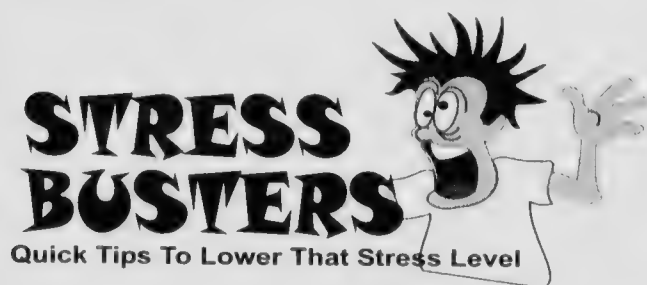
a start-up grant from the Haliburton Development Corporation, this program has been very well received in the area.

Through the combined efforts of the Health Unit, Home Support, Family Services, CHACE, and the YWCA, the Good Food Box is available to anyone who wants to stretch their food dollar or for those that would like to increase their intake of fruits and vegetables - it's a great way to get the best value for your money every month.

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If you are interested in finding out more about this program, please call Paula Pepping at 457-1942, ext. 10.



Look for ways to break up your normal routine from time to time. Here are some simple suggestions:

Take a different route home from work.

Sleep on the other side of the bed.

Switch household chores with your partner.

Plan a fun night out in the middle of the week.

Read a work of fiction if you're a non-fiction reader, and vice versa.

Read The Communicator from back to front instead of front to back. (ha ha - couldn't resist that one...)

Did Someone Say Strawberries?

Did somebody say strawberries? Mmm! Brings to mind nice, warm days, picnics by the lake and NO SNOW!! Could spring be around the corner? Let's hope so, but in the meantime, Haliburton County Home Support Services is holding a Strawberry Social at the Drop-In Centre on Wednesday, April 30, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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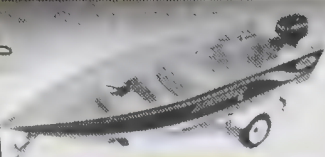


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There used to be a good reason for the bride to take her place at the altar at the left hand of the bridegroom, and to be on his left arm on the way out of the church. This custom is not just a matter of meaningless etiquette. It enabled the groom to keep his right hand (and sword) free to defend himself from attack and capture.

Carry over the threshold:

The bride being carried over the threshold is to protect her from evil spirits that may be near the door. If a bride stumbles when entering her home another superstition says that her married life will have ups and downs. Being carried over ensures she will not stumble.

The Wedding Cake:

Did you know that in early Roman days, a simple wheaten cake was broken during the ceremony. The first morsels were eaten by the couple and the rest of the cake was crumbled over the bride's head in a fertility rite to guarantee many children and a life of plenty. By Elizabethan times, small sweet buns were a centrepiece on the table. The bride and groom tried to kiss over the cakes, which were stacked into a mountainous bundle. In the 17th century, a French chef frosted small cakes with white sugar so they held together and stood upright. From then on, our elaborate wedding cakes evolved.

The Toast:

This quaint tradition stems from the old French custom of placing toasted bread in the bottom of the glass. The drink was then passed to every guest, the last to receive it was the bride. She ate the wine soaked toast and received everyone's compliments. This custom then became known as the "Toast".

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Each of the machines used in the testing cost the Lions Club \$10,000. Currently there are two eye screening kits in the A-16 district which covers a lot of areas from Oshawa to Newmarket and up to the Highlands.

Carol Dewey and all the friends at Teddy Time in Haliburton want to help this great cause and you can help too. During the month of April, just head in to Teddy Time and purchase one of many cute, cuddly, (stuffed), puppies and 20% of the all purchases will be donated to the Haliburton and district Lions Club, toward the eye screening program. There are all sizes and shapes of adorable puppies that make excellent gifts for all occasions.

"I think it's a great program that the Lions are doing," says



Carol Dewey, "Plus the community has been very good to us and we'd like to give back and help out anyway we can."

Another promotion you can take part in at Teddy Time is with Russ-Berrie stuffed bears. With every purchase, the manufacturer will donate a portion to Gilda's House, which is a lodge for women suffering from cancer.



With each purchase in store you can enter your name into a draw for Sparkles, (pictured). Draw date is April 30th, 2003 at Teddy Time. The winner will be contacted.

So if you're looking for a unique gift for someone in April,

consider helping out some great causes and stop in to Teddy Time for a cute adorable stuffed animal. It's a gift that everyone would adore. Teddy Time is located on Hwy. 121 in Haliburton between downtown and the High School. They can be reached at (705) 457-2959.

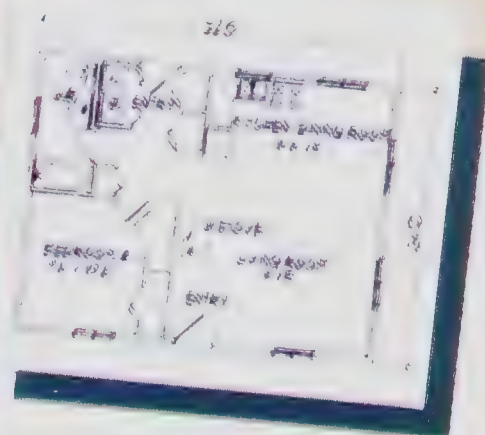
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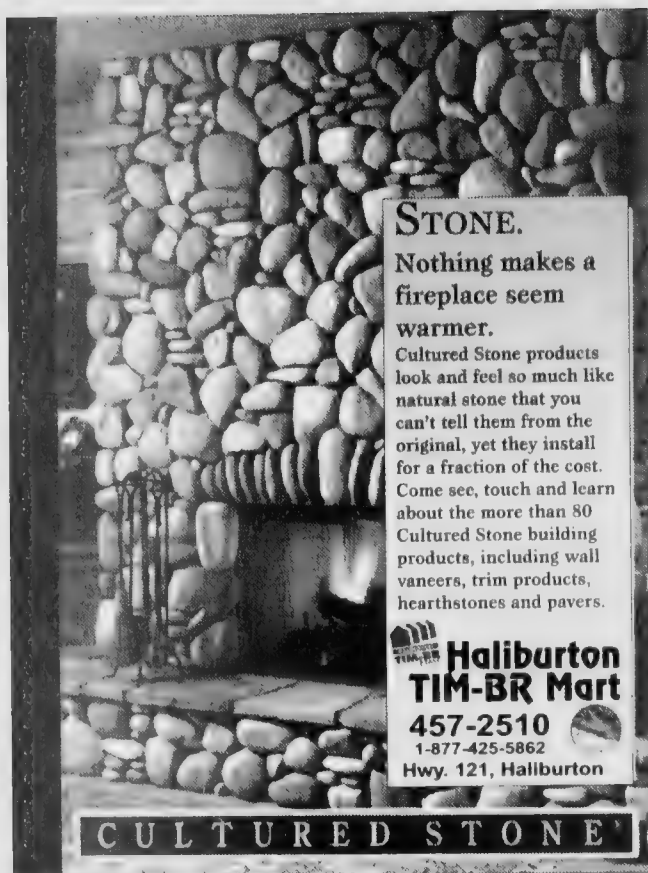
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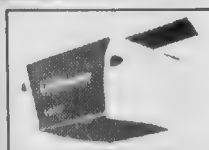
Family Services will be hosting a volunteer appreciation reception from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, at St. George's Anglican Church on Mountain Street in Haliburton. They would like to invite all of their volunteer drivers, respite workers, artists, fishing guides, Mother Goose assistants, and board members to join with family, friends, staff members and community to celebrate the amazing contributions made by the dozens of volunteers at Family Services of Haliburton County.

April is volunteer appreciation month and they would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the following volunteers. Drivers: Jim Welch, Merle Clarke, Ross Vincent, Ron & Joan Hughes, Rick Harding, Bill Martyn, Ian Comrie, Gord Wagner, Wayne Dopson, Sharon Bacon, Lorne Hoppenreys. Respite Workers: Sharon & Ron Bacon, Jean & Lloyd Guest, Jack Jackson, Carol Moffat-Hill, Cindy & Miles Sanderson, Sara Musclow, Janice Crawford, Don Geall, Susanne Long, Jim Milne, Frank Thom, Holly Musclow. Mother Goose Assistants: Melanie Lewis, Cheryl Riley. Art Adventures: Fay Wilkinson, Michelle Pierson. Fishing Adventure: Mark McMaster, Jon Hill. Board Members: Mandy Booth, Dorothy Owens, Penny Obee, Ann Maher, Jim Hopkins, Jim McMahon, June White, Wendy Penhale.

If you are interested in volunteering with Family Services please call their Volunteer Coordinator, Marilou Mizzen at 457-5345 ext. 308. Or join them at the upcoming reception.

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Need Customers?... Why Not Try The HomeShow?

Although the May long weekend may seem like a long way away yet, it's not that far away for organizers of the Haliburton Annual Home & Vacation Show Committee as they are well into planning for this year's exciting show.

Now is the time for businesses to consider if they would like to participate in this event, which over the long weekend, sees in the neighbourhood of over 2,000 spectators. This avenue allows business owners to meet and speak with potential clients in a relaxed manner and is beneficial for all types of businesses.

The show is held in Haliburton at the Dysart Community Arena and the Haliburton Curling Club. Both buildings are transformed into a mini shopping mall filled with a variety of local business people. This is also a great venue for businesses that typically operate out of home as this brings your business to many potential customers.

Features of the show include help for any home or cottage project, latest in heating, water and security systems, expanded outdoor display area and an emphasis on landscaping, decorating, hobbies, crafts and vacation fun.

This year being the 25th annual will mean specials and free draws for those who visit the show. In addition, there are lots of things for the kids to check out, so in all the show is fun for the whole family.

And as every year, there will be a beer tent and great food and entertainment.

There are plenty of booths available, but this may not last long, so if you're thinking about it, best make arrangements to lock up your booth space soon. You may find that the May long weekend is not really that far away after all.

Wilberforce Legion Needs Old Pics

June is a special month for the Wilberforce Legion, particularly June 8th as it marks the 30th anniversary for Branch 624.

Legion officials and celebration committee members are still in need of old pictures they would like to borrow for their special open house. If you have some you can leave them at the legion with the bar steward, or call the branch at 448-2221.

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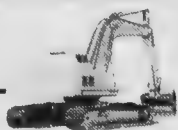
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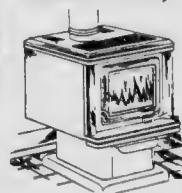


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by Bob & Doris Thompson of Exeter, Ont.

Flies or bees bothering you? Spray them with hairspray and they will take a quick dive.

Sealed envelope. Put in the freezer for a few hours, and then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed.

Use Empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.

For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dishwashing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't refreeze (Wish I had known this for the last 60 years!) (I wonder if this works in Montana also? That is, if it really exists?)

Crayon marks on walls? This worked wonderfully! A damp rag, dipped in baking soda. Comes off with little effort (elbow grease that is!)

Permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!) rubbing alcohol on paper towel.

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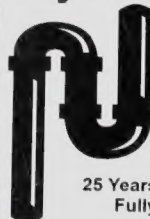
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There were 11 Sams in total in last month's issue. They were hidden in the following ads: Youngdale Fuels, Easton's Valu-Mart, Sears Floor Covering, lady Esther Esthetics, Haliburton County Home Support Services, Churko Home Furnishings, The Pizza Den, Petrini Construction, Steve's Contracting, Kushog Construction and Highland Electric.

The winner of last month's Spot Sam contest is Jean Griffin of RR#1 Minden.

The winner of the Bonnieview get-a-way & Lady Esther Spa package was Tobey Champ of Haliburton.

THANK YOUS

Fishes Lunchbox would like to thank all sponsors of their recent fishing tournament. It was a great success and we thank all who helped out. Hope to see everyone next year.

Winterfest Committee Says Thank You

The Haliburton Village Winterfest Committee would like to thank the following for their support of this yearly major winter community event that puts a smile on everyone's face, again, thank you all: The Highlands Communicator for all of your great coverage of our events throughout the year – The Moose Radio Station, the Municipality of Dysart et al and it's roads Dept for all your help. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 129 Haliburton our Sunday Kids Day sponsor and our Home Town Proud Haliburton I.G.A., they supply much of our food products. Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce and the following local businesses that also support and supply prizes for different events all week-end long: Re-max, Curry Motors, Shamrock Shell, Wig-a-mog Inn & Resort, West Guilford Auto Centre, Cowen Saw Mill, Humpty Dumpty Products, Haliburton Home Hardware, Varty Jewellery & Gifts, The Pizza Den, Haliburton Subway, Outdoors Plus, Kosy Korner Restaurant, Ontario Works Program, Sir Sanford Fleming College Students, last but not least, our own Winterfest Volunteers, you all did a great job again this year.

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NEWS FROM ARCHIE STOUFFER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade 4, 5 and 6 Speeches - By: Callie Cowan 8B

On February 26, 2003 the grades 4, 5 and 6 speeches were held in the gym of the school. There were a total of 15 speakers that talked about many of different things, like the lakes that are in Ontario, pets, countries, and someone even talked about pepper. All the speakers were very talented.

The speakers were Joey Findeis, Emma Cox, Adriana Ellis, Kristen Campbell, Katelin Allore, Kaiiy Shell, Mitchell Rea, Alex Lopez, Erin Pottier, Lucy Belli, Owen Duhaime, John Pawson, Tara O'Sullivan, Kelsi Crowe, and Katie Findeis. We would like to congratulate all these speakers, and especially the ones who are going on to the Legion. The students that made it from the school to the legion were Joey Findeis, Katie Findeis, Kelsi Crowe, Tara O'Sullivan, Mitchell Rea, Erin Pottier, and Katelin Allore. We wish all these people the best of luck at the legion.

OPP Hockey Game

By: Callie Cowan 8B assisted by Nick Nesbitt 8A

Recently, selected grade seven and eight girls and boys played a game of hockey against the OPP officers. The members of the school hockey team were Natasha McGann, Brittany Hicks, Sherri Walker, Brittany Thomas, Zach Pierson, Edward Cyr, Billy Kulas, Adam Freeman, Kyle Fry, Matt Clements, Derek Nesbitt, and Patrick Turcott.

This is a fun event for the student hockey players, the OPP and the audience. Usually the OPP win, but not this year. The grade seven/eight team was unstoppable. The final score was twelve to eleven for the students. Throughout the game the score was very close, as one team would get a goal then the other team would get another and so on. Almost everyone from the school team got a goal.

This event wouldn't have happened if it weren't for Lyn Winans organizing this event and being the coach for the team. All in all I think that everyone had a great time playing and watching the game.

**Deadline for the next
Communicator is April 24**

Art Club By: Josey Belli 8B

Art club happens every Tuesday during lunch hour at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. It takes place in Ms. MacDonald's classroom. Art Club is for children ages eight to thirteen. Ms. MacDonald says, "Although art club is for ages eight to thirteen, we don't see too many twelve and thirteen year olds."

Ms. MacDonald helps out with art club but a lady named Donna Bisschop comes and teaches it. She phoned the school asking if there was any staff member that was interested in supervising and she would come and teach the class. She does nature scenes and Indian signs but the class is open to any kind of art.

Thank you to Ms. McDonald and Donna for providing us with the opportunity to work on our creative side.

Curling Champions - Our Team Places 3rd In Ottawa Championships - By Melanie Shapiera 8B

On Thursday, February 20, 2003, Edward Cyr, Chantal Cyr, Connor Duhaime, and Jake Walker went to Ottawa to represent Archie Stouffer Elementary School in curling. The tournament was called Timbits. Edward played skip, Chantal played lead, Connor played second, and Jake played vice. There were over 100 different teams playing, and overall, our team came third. What a great accomplishment! Hopefully, they will return to Ottawa again next year and make us proud once more.

Who Dun=it answer ...

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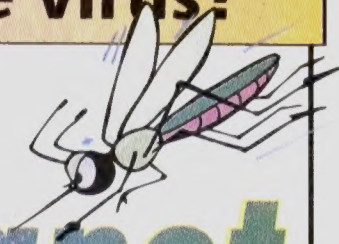
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